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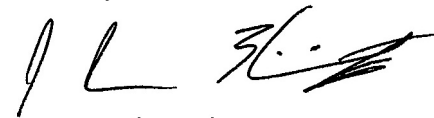
**Re: Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
FCC Form 481 - Study Area Code 229006 (Georgia)
FCC Form 481 - Study Area Code 259010 (Alabama)
WC Docket No. 10-90**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless"), enclosed please find public versions of SouthernLINC Wireless' FCC Forms 481 for Study Area Code 229006 (Georgia) and Study Area Code 259010 (Alabama). These forms are being submitted pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") *2011 USF/ICC Transformation Order*.¹ Confidential versions of these documents have been filed by hand with the Commission.

Please direct any questions as to this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



J. Isaac Himowitz
Todd D. Daubert

*Counsel to Southern Communications
Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless*

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See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
			(check box when complete)	
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
<111>		

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<116>	How (USF) was used to improve service coverage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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(800) Operating Companies
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<811>	Holding Company	Southern Company
<812>	Operating Company	Southern Communications Services, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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Poarch Creek Tribe of the Cherokee Indians

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

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Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

if your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

	Select (Yes, No, NA)
<921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;	NA
<922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;	NA
<923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	NA
<924> Compliance with Rights of way processes	NA
<925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	NA
<926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	NA
<927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes	NA
<928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	NA
<929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	Yes

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481	
Lifeline		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.southerninc.com/service-plans/lifeline/>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:



<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,



<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,



<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation		FCC Form 481
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

<2010>	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2011>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))	
	3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))	

<2012>	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))	
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	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	

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	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	

<2017>	Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))	
<2018>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	
<2019>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	
<2020>	Interim Progress Certification	

Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 10/15/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer: John Batts	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Finance Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 678-443-1563	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 259010	Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

**Southern Communications Services, Inc.,
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
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October 15, 2013 § 54.313 Progress Report

Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC," "Company") hereby files its progress report on its Five-Year Service Improvement Plan in WC Docket No. 10-90 ("Plan") describing completed and planned improvements in certain wire centers in the State of Alabama.

This report is comprised of two (2) schedules and four (4) maps which collectively describe SouthernLINC Wireless' progress in improving signal strength, coverage and capacity during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. Schedules 1 and 2 provide the amount of high-cost support, by wire center, the Company received during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. Schedules 1 and 2 also provide an estimate, by wire center, of the amount of high-cost support the Company expects to receive from the Universal Service Fund during the period January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and the intended use of such support.

This Plan reflects the continuation of the phased reduction in the amount of high-cost support the Company receives from the Universal Service Fund ("USF") pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund Order & FNPRM released November 18, 2011.

**Southern Communications Services, Inc.,
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
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Universal Service Fund Support Received by Wire Center

The following two schedules show the amount of high-cost support SouthernLINC Wireless received from the Universal Service Fund during calendar year 2012 and the amount it is projected to receive during the period January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, for each of the wire centers within the States of Alabama for which SouthernLINC Wireless is designated as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier ("CETC"). The support amounts for 2012 are derived from the actual high-cost support provided to SouthernLINC Wireless from January 1, through December 31, 2012, based on information obtained from the USAC website. The support amounts for January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, reflect the planned phase-out of high-cost support to CETCs pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund Order & FNPRM released November 18, 2011.

Schedule 1
SouthernLINC Wireless
ETC Designated Areas in Which SouthernLINC Wireless
Did Not Receive Universal Service Support
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SouthernLINC Wireless did not received high-cost support from the Universal Service Fund ("USF") in 2012 in the following study areas and currently does not expect to receive high-cost support through December 31, 2016.

Schedule 2
SouthernLINC Wireless
Progress Report on its Five Year Service Improvement Plan
in Designated Service Areas Receiving High-Cost Universal Service Support
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New Sites and Material Modifications to Improve Signal Strength, Coverage and Capacity

The four maps which follow illustrate new sites and material modifications SouthernLINC Wireless made to its network and facilities in Alabama during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. These maps show the **REDACTED** new cell sites that were added to the SouthernLINC network and the **REDACTED** other cell sites in Alabama that SouthernLINC Wireless materially modified in the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, to improve signal strength, coverage, capacity and resiliency. Each of the **REDACTED** sites that were materially modified during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, was operational and being used by SouthernLINC Wireless to provide service as of January 1, 2012.

Map 1 – New Cell Sites

Map 1 illustrates improvements in coverage area made in the State of Alabama during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. The green shading illustrates coverage that existed as of January 1, 2012, and the blue shading illustrates additional coverage that is the result of new sites deployed from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. **REDACTED** new sites were deployed in Alabama during this period.

Map 2 – Material Site Modifications in Alabama – Antennas Added/Adjusted

Shaded in light blue on Map 2 are the **REDACTED** cell sites in Alabama where capital investments were made to raise in height and/or upgraded antennas to improve signal strength and coverage during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Map 3 – Material Site Modifications in Alabama – Base Radio Additions

Shaded in yellow on Map 3 is the **REDACTED** site in Alabama where additional base radios were installed during the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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Map 4 – Material Site Modifications in Alabama – On-Site Generators Added

Shaded in orange on Map 4 are the **REDACTED** cell sites where a back-up power generator was installed, during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, supplementing existing battery back-up power capability.

Map 1

New Cell Sites - January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012



New Cell Sites



Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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Base radios added





Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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Map 2

Service Improvements - January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012

-  Antenna(s) upgraded and/or height changed
-  Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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Generator added



Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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							911					

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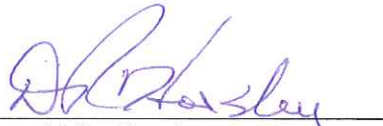
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d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
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**Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
Certification Required by 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(5) - WC Docket No. 10-90**

This certification is submitted on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless") in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5).

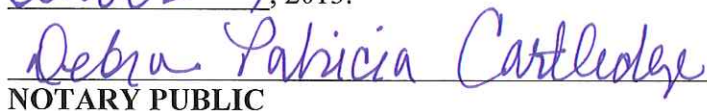
On behalf of SouthernLINC Wireless I, Donald R. Horsley, hereby certify that SouthernLINC Wireless complies with CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Service and therefore in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(3).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 8, 2013.



Donald R. Horsley
President & CEO, Southern Communications Services, Inc.
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 8 day of October, 2013.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 12-29-2013



Southern Communications Services, Inc.
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
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**Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
Certification Required by 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(6) - WC Docket No. 10-90**

This certification is submitted on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless") in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

On behalf of SouthernLINC Wireless I, Donald R. Horsley, hereby certify that SouthernLINC Wireless is capable of functioning in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) as described in the accompanying document.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 8, 2013.


Donald R. Horsley
President & CEO, Southern Communications Services, Inc.
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 8 day of October, 2013.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 12-29-2013



October 15, 2013 § 54.313 Progress Report

Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

(“SouthernLINC,” “Company”) operates a wireless communications network in the States of Alabama and Georgia, in the southeast portion of Mississippi and in the panhandle of Florida. SouthernLINC provides dispatch radio, cellular, text and data services to commercial customers and to the electric utility subsidiaries of its parent, The Southern Company (“Southern,” “Parent”). The Company’s commercial customers include first and second responder public safety entities.

SouthernLINC’s service territory experiences severe weather including, hurricanes, ice storms, severe thunderstorms and tornados. To ensure that its network performs during such events, its **REDACTED** cell sites are connected to a ring protected terrestrial backhaul system. Of the **REDACTED** cell sites in service at December 31, 2012, **REDACTED** were equipped with on-site battery back-up power facilities capable of maintaining cell site operations should commercial power be lost. Back-up power generators and batteries are both available at **REDACTED** of the cell sites. SouthernLINC also has **REDACTED** cell sites on wheels (“COWS”), **REDACTED** cell augmentation trailers (“CATS”), **REDACTED** generators on a trailer (“GOATS”) and **REDACTED** emergency microwave units (“EMU”) that can be deployed to restore service in impacted areas.

SouthernLINC has an incident response team (“IRT”) comprised of subject matter experts from all departments of the Company which convenes as severe weather approaches. The Company has written processes that are followed before and during severe weather incidents and these written processes are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate subsequent to a storm or

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other emergency incident. The IRT and written processes are also useful in addressing unexpected incidents.

The following is an excerpt from the written processes that would be used approximately two days before a hurricane is predicted to make landfall. In this excerpt, “operating companies” refers to the electric utility subsidiaries of SouthernLINC’s Parent and “SCS” refers to a services company subsidiary of the Parent.

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The Company’s full written processes similarly details steps to be taken beginning five days in advance of a hurricane’s predicted landfall. Additionally, since SouthernLINC is the primary wireless communications service provider to the electric utility operating companies of Southern, it coordinates its storm preparedness and recovery activities with those companies.

SouthernLINC Wireless believes that its network design, extensive on-site back-up power facilities and emergency preparedness activities demonstrates it is capable of remaining functional in an emergency consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2).

**(800) Operating Companies
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986 /OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

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Jim Ucci

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678-443-1562

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jfucci@southernco.com

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Southern Communications Services, Inc.

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Southern Company

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Southern Communications Services, Inc.

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Affiliates

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Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation

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Georgia Power Company

Gulf Power Company

Mississippi Power Company

Southern Power

Southern Nuclear

Southern Telecom

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54,313 Completion Required	54,422 Completion Required
<i>(check box when complete)</i>				
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Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
 July 2013

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	678-443-1562
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jfucci@southernco.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? if your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/>
<111>		(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/>

if your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

Select (Yes, No, NA)	
	<921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
	<922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
	<923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
	<924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
	<925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
	<926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
	<927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
	<928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
	<929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481	
Lifeline		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	Name of attached document (.pdf)
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP http://www.southerninc.com/service-plans/lifeline/
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[2000] Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)} ☐
- <2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)} ☐

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification ☐
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification ☐
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification ☐
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification ☐

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband ☐

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification ☐
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification ☐
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification ☐
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3010) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(1)(i), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)) (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation		
(3017) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?		<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant, or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information		<input type="checkbox"/>

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 10/15/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer: John Batts	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Finance Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 678-443-1563	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 229006	Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
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Attachments

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Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless (“SouthernLINC,” “Company”) hereby files its progress report on its Five-Year Service Improvement Plan in WC Docket No. 10-90 (“Plan”) describing completed and planned improvements in certain wire centers in the State of Georgia.

This report is comprised of two (2) schedules and four (4) maps which collectively describe SouthernLINC Wireless' progress in improving signal strength, coverage and capacity during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. Schedules 1 and 2 provide the amount of high-cost support, by wire center, the Company received during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. Schedules 1 and 2 also provide an estimate, by wire center, of the amount of high-cost support the Company expects to receive from the Universal Service Fund during the period January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and the intended use of such support.

This Plan reflects the continuation of the phased reduction in the amount of high-cost support the Company receives from the Universal Service Fund (“USF”) pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund Order & FNPRM released November 18, 2011.

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Universal Service Fund Support Received by Wire Center

The following two (2) schedules show the amount of high-cost support SouthernLINC Wireless received from the Universal Service Fund during calendar year 2012 and the amount it is projected to receive during the period January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, for each of the wire centers within the States of Georgia for which SouthernLINC Wireless is designated as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier ("CETC"). The support amounts for 2012 are derived from the actual high-cost support provided to SouthernLINC Wireless from January 1, through December 31, 2012, based on information obtained from the USAC website. The support amounts for January 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, reflect the planned phase-out of high-cost support to CETCs pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Connect America Fund Order & FNPRM released November 18, 2011.

Schedule 1
SouthernLINC Wireless
ETC Designated Areas in Which SouthernLINC Wireless
Did Not Receive Universal Service Support
229006ga112

SouthernLINC Wireless did not received high-cost support from the Universal Service Fund ("USF") in 2012 in the following study areas and currently does not expect to receive high-cost support through December 31, 2016.

Schedule 2
SouthernLINC Wireless
Progress Report on its Five Year Service Improvement Plan
in Designated Service Areas Receiving High-Cost Universal Service Support
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October 15, 2013 § 54.313 Progress Report**New Sites and Material Modifications to Improve Signal Strength, Coverage and Capacity**

The four (4) maps which follow illustrate new sites and material modifications SouthernLINC Wireless made to its network and facilities in Georgia during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. These maps show the **REDACTED** new cell sites that were added to the SouthernLINC network and the **REDACTED** other cell sites in Georgia that SouthernLINC Wireless materially modified in the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, to improve signal strength, coverage, capacity and resiliency. Each of the **REDACTED** sites that were materially modified during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, was operational and being used by SouthernLINC Wireless to provide service as of January 1, 2012.

Map 1 – New Cell Sites

Map 1 illustrates improvements in coverage area made in the State of Georgia during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012. The green shading illustrates coverage that existed as of January 1, 2012, and the blue shading illustrates additional coverage that is the result of new sites deployed from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2013. **REDACTED** new sites were deployed in Georgia during this period.

Map 2 – Material Site Modifications in Georgia – Antennas Added/Adjusted

Shaded in light blue on Map 2 are the **REDACTED** cell sites in Georgia where capital investments were made to raise in height and/or upgraded antennas to improve signal strength and coverage during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Map 3 – Material Site Modifications in Georgia – Base Radio Additions

Shaded in yellow on Map 3 are the **REDACTED** cell sites in Georgia where additional base radios were installed during the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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Map 4 – Material Site Modifications in Georgia – On-Site Generators Added

Shaded in orange on Map 4 are the **REDACTED** cell sites where a back-up power generator was installed, during the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, supplementing existing battery back-up power capability.



New Cell Sites



Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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Map 2

Service Improvements - January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012

 Antenna(s) upgraded and/or height changed

 Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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Base radios added



Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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Generator added



Cell Sites in Service on January 1, 2012

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**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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**Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
Certification Required by 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(5) - WC Docket No. 10-90**

This certification is submitted on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless") in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5).

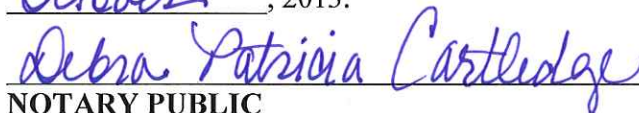
On behalf of SouthernLINC Wireless I, Donald R. Horsley, hereby certify that SouthernLINC Wireless complies with CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Service and therefore in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(3).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 8, 2013.

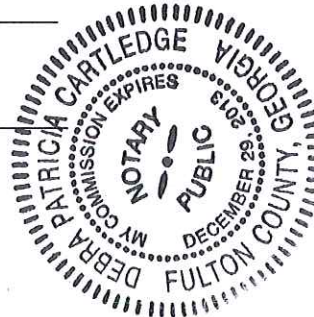


Donald R. Horsley
President & CEO, Southern Communications Services, Inc.
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 8 day of October, 2013.


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My Commission Expires: 12-29-2013




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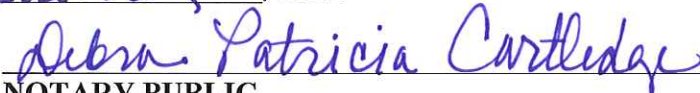
This certification is submitted on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless ("SouthernLINC Wireless") in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

On behalf of SouthernLINC Wireless I, Donald R. Horsley, hereby certify that SouthernLINC Wireless is capable of functioning in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2) as described in the accompanying document.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 8, 2013.


Donald R. Horsley
President & CEO, Southern Communications Services, Inc.
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Southern Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless (“SouthernLINC,” “Company”) operates a wireless communications network in the States of Alabama and Georgia, in the southeast portion of Mississippi and in the panhandle of Florida. SouthernLINC provides dispatch radio, cellular, text and data services to commercial customers and to the electric utility subsidiaries of its parent, The Southern Company (“Southern,” “Parent”). The Company’s commercial customers include first and second responder public safety entities.

SouthernLINC’s service territory experiences severe weather including, hurricanes, ice storms, severe thunderstorms and tornados. To ensure that its network performs during such events, its **REDACTED** cell sites are connected to a ring protected terrestrial backhaul system. Of the **REDACTED** cell sites in service at December 31, 2012, **REDACTED** were equipped with on-site battery back-up power facilities capable of maintaining cell site operations should commercial power be lost. Back-up power generators and batteries are both available at **REDACTED** of the cell sites. SouthernLINC also has **REDACTED** cell sites on wheels (“COWS”), **REDACTED** cell augmentation trailers (“CATS”), **REDACTED** generators on a trailer (“GOATS”) and **REDACTED** emergency microwave units (“EMU”) that can be deployed to restore service in impacted areas.

SouthernLINC has an incident response team (“IRT”) comprised of subject matter experts from all departments of the Company which convenes as severe weather approaches. The Company has written processes that are followed before and during severe weather incidents and these written processes are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate subsequent to a storm or

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other emergency incident. The IRT and written processes are also useful in addressing unexpected incidents.

The following is an excerpt from the written processes that would be used approximately two days before a hurricane is predicted to make landfall. In this excerpt, “operating companies” refers to the electric utility subsidiaries of SouthernLINC’s Parent and “SCS” refers to a services company subsidiary of the Parent.

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The Company’s full written processes similarly details steps to be taken beginning five days in advance of a hurricane’s predicted landfall. Additionally, since SouthernLINC is the primary wireless communications service provider to the electric utility operating companies of Southern, it coordinates its storm preparedness and recovery activities with those companies.

SouthernLINC Wireless believes that its network design, extensive on-site back-up power facilities and emergency preparedness activities demonstrates it is capable of remaining functional in an emergency consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2).

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